"If it is rude to brag about what you know, it is ridiculous to brag about what you don't know."

-Miss Manners

Piggy banks were originally made from **PYGG** (an orangeclay) which gave them their name, and then later, their shape.

This tree will mess you up.

The Manchineel tree has toxic fruit, sap and bark - even burning the wood is a bad idea, or standing under one when it's raining.

The cap of the Washington Monument is made of aluminum. At the time, it was rarer and more pricey than gold. (Now we wrap sandwiches in it.) It was the largest casting of its time.

Lucian of Samosata wrote "A TRVE STORY" in the second century - the first work of science fiction. (It's free to read online, and actually quite good!)

This was offensive to the ancient Greeks and Romans too.

Because if you've learned something, your day isn't totally wasted, right?

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